you know of a Government, which while introducing a Bill in a House says that it will come forward with an amendment. But there was a specific assurance of bringing in some amendments in the Monsoon Session itself. We do not hear anything from the Parliamentary Affairs Minister or from the Government about bringing in those amendments. I think the power sector is going to suffer on that account. Can the Minister specifically mention when this is going to be done?

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते: सभापति महोदय, जो विद्युत कानून, 2003 जिसे संसद के दोनों सदनों ने विधेयक के रूप में पारित किया, उस समय चर्चा में, मैंने यह सदन के सामने रखा था कि इस कानून के बनने के बाद पुराने जो तीन कानून हमारे देश में अस्तित्व में थे, इलेक्ट्रिसिटी एक्ट 1910, इलेक्ट्रिसिटी सप्लाई 1948, इलेक्ट्रिसिटी रेग्यूलेटरी कमीशन एक्ट 1998, ये तीनों कानून रद्द हो जायेंगे। यह नया कानून हमने आने वाले पचास-सौ साल के लिए बनाया है, इस संसद ने बनाया है। इसे बनाते समय यदि इसमें कुछ खामियां रह जाती हैं, उन खामियों को अगर सदन में सरकार के समक्ष रखा जाता है, तो यदि आवश्यक है तो उस पर ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री नीलोत्पल बसु: ऐसा नहीं है।

श्री अनन्त गंगाराम गीते: सभापति जी, आप मुझसे सहमत होंगे। यदि उसमें खामियां हैं और उसमें सुधार करने की आवश्यकता है। तो सरकार उसके लिए तैयार है। इसी संदर्भ में कुछ अमेंडमेंट राज्य सभा में दिए गए हैं। हमने आश्वासन दिया है संसद के इस सदन में लाने का और इस आश्वासन को निश्चित रूप में हम पूरा करेंगे।

Joint Patrolling at Indo-Bangladesh Border

*149. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSF and Bangladesh Rifles have jointly agreed for patrolling along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, whether the modalities for joint patrolling have been worked out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The modalities for the joint patrolling by Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles have not yet been worked out.

SHRI ABANI ROY: Sir, as per the report, the patrolling is scheduled to begin from 1st July , 2003. Since the modalities have not yet been worked out, it means, the joint patrolling has not yet been started. I would like to know whether it has started or not.

श्री स्वामी चिन्मयानन्द: 31 जुलाई उसकी लास्ट डेट दी है। हम कल तक इंतजार करेंगे। कल तक अगर बांग्लादेश राइफल्स का जवाब आ जाता है तो उसके बारे में विचार किया जाएगा।

SHRI ABANI ROY: Sir, my second suplementary is this. We know that infiltration in the entire North-East is much more and the border area of the North-East is also not maintained properly. India's concerns on infiltration and insurgents operating from Bangladesh, however, did not cut much ice with the BDR, which toed Dhaka's line that no North-East rebels operate from Bangladesh. So, is it wise, at a time when the modalities are in the process of being worked out, to allow the BDR, if it chooses to, to use the BSF's training facilities? The Government has to look into all these aspects while finalising the modalities and we must keep our eyes open on insurgency and infiltration.

श्री स्वामी चिन्मयानन्द: जो मोडैलिटीज हमने बीडीआर को प्रस्तावित की हैं, उनका जवाब अभी उधर से नहीं आया है। जो मोडैलिटीज़ प्रस्तावित हुई हैं, वे हैं (a) Each patrol will remain restricted on its respective territory and under no circumstances will cross over to the other side; (b) Each side will be responsible for dealing with a situation in areas of its respective countries; (c) Any apprehended person/seizure will be dealt with under the laws of the respective countries; (d) In a situation where fire has to be opened, the following will be ensured. (i) Each patrol will fire only in its respective sides and will not fire across into the other country; (ii) Safety of patrol will have to be ensured, there will be no cross-fire; (iii) Each side will deal with the situation as it present itself in its respective countries; (iv) Surprise raids by BSF will continue...

SHRI ABANI ROY: Sir, what is he reading out? ...*(Interruptions)*... We are not able to understand. We are not getting the correct reply. Let it be circulated ..*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Sir, what is he reading? ...*(Interruptions)*... Let him circulate it.

श्री स्वामी चिन्मयानन्द: जो मोडैलिटीज़ मैंने बीडीआर को दी हैं, बीएसएफ ने जो बीडीआर को दिया है, उसका जवाब अब तक नहीं आया है। जब तक उसका जवाब नहीं आता, तब तक हम उसमें संशोधन नहीं करना चाहते।

एक माननीय सदस्य: सर, यह भारत बांग्लादेश की बात है, होम मिनिस्टर साहब को जवाब देने दें।

उप प्रधानमंत्री, गृह मंत्रालय तथा कार्मिक लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय के प्रभारी (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): यह एक महत्वपूर्ण सवाल पूछा गया है। मैं इतना कह दूं कि इल्लीगल इमीग्रेशन के बारे में हम बांग्लादेश के बॉर्डर पर जो कुछ होता है, उससे बहुत चिंतित हैं और इसीलिए हम लगातार मीटिंग्स करते रहते हैं, उधर की बॉर्डर फोर्सिज़ की और हमारी बॉर्डर फोर्सिज़ की लगातार मीटिंग्स होती हैं। उनमें काफी समय से हम कोशिश कर रहे थे कि ज्वाइंट पैट्रोलिंग के बारे में बांग्लादेश माने। अभी तक वह नहीं माना था लेकिन पिछली मीटिंग में उन्होंने सिद्धान्तत: स्वीकार किया कि हम ज्वाइंट पैट्रोलिंग के लिए तैयार हैं। उसके बाद उसकी जो मोडैलिटीज़ हैं, उनके बारे में हमने उन्हें प्रपोजल भेजा है। उसका उत्तर अभी नहीं आया है। उम्मीद करते हैं कि वापिस आ जाएगा और हम इसे इम्प्लीमेंट कर पाएंगे।

SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Sir, once, it had been announced that there would be a work permit. Those people, who are coming from there, would be given work permit. Is that proposal still there? Or, has it been abandoned? Or, are you finding any difficulties in that?

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: Sir, this needs a separate question. But because it deals with Bangladeshi immigrants, I would only say that there was no such decision from the Government about work permits. At one stage, when we were thinking in terms of providing identity cards to all Indian citizens and preparing a National Register of Citizens, this idea also cropped in, where we though that if a person was willing to accept that he was a Bangladeshi, we would give him a kind of work permit. This was the proposal that we had in mind. It was welcomed by the representatives of the Bangladeshi Government, who had come there at that time. But, now, the Government has decided to issue multi-purpose identity cards. It is in the process of being implemented. This matter would also be considered at that time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question, ...*(Interruptions)*... ठीक है ...(व्यवधान)... जवाब आ गया है ...(व्यवधान)....

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Sir, what is this? This is happening for the second time...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Every question is important. *(Interruptions)* Every question is important. *(Interruptions)* Okay, its all right. Shri M. Sarkar.

SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Sir, the hon. Home Minister has, in his statement, stated that Bangladesh has not yet agreed for joint patrolling. In such circumstances, it becomes our responsibility to safeguard the borders. During the Budget Session of the Parliament, an heinous attack was made by the terrorists at Tripura Border. At that time, I had written to the hon. Minister to take appropriate steps in this regard, and to increase BSF battalions at the border. The number of BSF battalions is far less than needed at the border. But the hon. Minister has till date not replied in detail in this regard. He has only said, "The matter is being looked into". So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister, what steps have been taken to deploy Army in Tripura and in other North-Eastern States; will the BSF battalions be increased at Tripura border?

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: Sir, the Central Government is in constant touch with the Governments of border States. Whatever companies are available, they are deployed there. In accordance with that, the process will go on. We are conscious of the requirements of Tripura. We are in constant touch with the Government of Tripura. Whatever is needed, and whatever is within our resources, is done. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI JIBON ROY: Sir, a healing touch is required ... *(Interruptions)*...

Declaration of "Deendar Anjuman" as unlawful Association

*150. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared "Deendar Anjuman" as an unlawful association;

(b) whether certain members of the organisation were arrested for indulguing in unlawful activities;